

# MUPY NEWSLETTER

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## Dean's Message



Welcome everyone to the MUPY English e-newsletter. I hope you all stay safe and stay healthy. As a dean, I am very grateful that I have an opportunity to serve the Faculty from now on.

At this time around, many things happened within our Faculty. I am here to invite you all to flip through the pages and see that we all have done the excellent jobs. Everyone of us has their parts in doing so, therefore, let's enjoy our effort here but never forget that we still have a long way to go towards our success.

And to all those who are not MUPY members, you are very welcome to join us. We summed up meaningful news and events in here. It would be pleasure if these keeping ups could be informative to you all.

Be safe and be healthy.

Thank you for the support to our Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University.

Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan

Dean

Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University





## AUN-QA Accredited

MUPY's graduate programs including the Master of Science in Pharmacy Program in Clinical Pharmacy (International Program) and the Master of Science Program in Social, Economic and Administrative Pharmacy (International Program) have been internationally accredited by the ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) which has been valid from 6 March 2020 - 5 March 2025. In this regard, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suvatna Chulavatnatol, MUPY's Dean, along with the program directors of the two accredited programs, namely Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pramote Tragulpiankit, the director of the Master of Science in Pharmacy Program in Clinical Pharmacy, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Luerat Anuratpanich, the director of the Master of Science Programs in Social, Economic and Administrative Pharmacy, attended and received the AUN-QA Certificate in the Certificate Presentation Ceremony for AUN-QA Assessment of Mahidol University held on August 10, 2020, at Institute for Population and Social Research located at Mahidol University's Salaya Campus. The awarding ceremony was presided by Mahidol University's President, Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, M.D., who delivered the certificates to the representatives of the accredited graduate programs. Also joined the ceremony included MUPY faculty members and program committees.



## MUPY partnered with Chulabhorn Royal Academy to Excel Thai Pharmacists and the Profession

On September 15, 2020, from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, led by the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suvatna Chulavatnatol, along with MUPY's faculty members visited Chulabhorn Hospital to join the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony between the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, and Chulabhorn Royal Academy. The MOU was officially signed by MUPY's representatives, namely Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suvatna Chulavatnatol, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Wichit Nosoongnoen, while Chulabhorn Royal Academy's representatives included Prof. Nithi Mahanonda, M.D., Chulabhorn Royal Academy's Secretary-General, and Prof. Dr. Chirayu Auewarakul, M.D., Vice Principal, HRH Princess Chulabhorn College of Medical Science, Chulabhorn Royal Academy. This event was also witnessed by the staff of two institutes.



## MUPY collaborated with institutions aiming to develop the database for the use of medicinal plants

On Friday, December 4, 2020, at 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m., Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, the Dean of MUPY, attended the MOU signing ceremony with the representatives from the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health. The MOU was established by four institutions with the aim of collaborating and developing the database for the utilization and uses of medicinal plants for cosmetic and external uses.



## Two research interns visited MU-HTA

On August 3, 2020, Asst. Prof. Dr. Sitaporn Youngkong, Deputy Dean for Student Affairs, welcomed and provided an orientation meeting for Mr. Navasint Sindhuchatra, an exchange student from the University of Chicago, and Ms. Napachole Sindhuchatra, an exchange student from Northwestern University. They visited the Mahidol University Health Technology Assessment (MU-HTA) Graduate Program located at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University to carry out their research internship program during August 3 - September 16, 2020, under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sitaporn Youngkong.

Remark: the exchange students have been completely quarantined for 14 days before visiting MUPY to commence their internship.



## Exchange students delivered the exit presentation on Health Economics

On September 16, 2020, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew, Director of Mahidol University Health Technology Assessment (MU-HTA) Graduate Program, along with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Montarat Thavorncharoensap and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sitaporn Youngkong attended the exit presentation delivered by Mr. Navasint Sindhuchatra, an exchange student from the University of Chicago, and Ms. Napachole Sindhuchatra, an exchange student from Northwestern University.

They visited MUPY to undertake their research internship focusing on Health Economics under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sitaporn Youngkong during August 3 - September 16, 2020, at MU-HTA Graduate Program, Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University.

## MUPY's Dean joined UNAIR's International Conference Pharmacy by Subject

On October 15, 2020, Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, MUPY's Dean, was invited to be a speaker of a Virtual International Conference Pharmacy by Subject under the theme of 'Strategy of University and Faculty of Pharmacy in Facing Covid-19 Pandemic: Overview and Strategy from Several Countries.' The conference was virtually organized by the Faculty of Pharmacy, Airlangga University, Indonesia. It was broadcasted via Zoom and YouTube Chanel to all international participants. The conference's invited speakers included the university administrators and academic staff from 1) Airlangga University, Indonesia, 2) Monash University, Australia, 3) Queen's University of Belfast, United Kingdom, and 4) Mahidol University, Thailand.



## Experience Sharing on Internship Management with UST Faculty Members

On Thursday, November 5, 2020, from 07:00 am to 08:00 am (Bangkok local time), Lect. Jennis Meanwatthana, a faculty member in the Department of Pharmacy, received an invitation as a guest speaker in the webinar, namely 'Best Practices of Industry in Clinical e-Internship', officially organized by the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Santo Tomas (UST), Philippines. She gave a lecture on the topic of 'Challenges in Clinical Internship amid COVID-19 Crisis: Share and Learn.' Having been broadcasted via the Zoom platform, the webinar was arranged as one of the UST's faculty development program. Furthermore, the webinar aimed to provide a knowledge and experience sharing session for UST's faculty regarding a professional practice administration during the COVID-19 for both clinical pharmacy and industrial pharmacy students. The virtual event included guest speakers from partner universities such as the National University of Malaysia.

## International Research Network Initiative

On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, from 08.00 am - 12.00 pm, MUPY's executives led by Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, MUPY's Dean, together with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew, Deputy Dean for International and Public Relations, and faculty members joined the virtually international meeting entitled 'International Research Network Initiative (IRNI)' officially organized by Universiti Teknologi Mara's Faculty of Pharmacy, Malaysia. Having been broadcasted via Cisco Webex Event, this online session was attended by representatives from Universiti Teknologi Mara, Mahidol University, University Santo Tomas, Universitas Gadjah Mada, and Institut Teknologi Bandung.



## MUPY's Dean joined the 'Become an Effective Pharmacy Preceptor' Webinar

On December 19, 2020, Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, MUPY's Dean, was invited to be a speaker of an international webinar entitled 'Become an Effective Pharmacy Preceptor'. The webinar was held by Universitas Padjadjaran's Faculty of Pharmacy, Indonesia. It was broadcasted via Zoom and YouTube Chanel to all international participants as well.



# RESEARCH

We are strengthening our research collaboration with the distinguished partners!



## Meeting with Betagro Science Center for a Research Progress

On July 13, 2020, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mullika Chomnawang, Deputy Dean for Research & International Relations, along with Asst. Prof. Dr. Anchalee Jintapattanakit, a research principal investigator, hosted a reception for the Betagro Public Company Limited's representatives led by Mr. Amphol Nirutnapaphan, and the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)'s representative, led by Dr. Supitcha Chokpaiboon. They visited MUPY to join a meeting aiming to follow up on the progress of the collaborative research project.



## Meeting with Bangkok Lab & Cosmetics Delegation

On September 3, 2020, MUPY's executives led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suvatna Chulavatnatol, MUPY's Dean, together with faculty members welcomed Mr. Supachai Saibua, the Director of Bangkok Lab & Cosmetics Co., and all delegates. They visited MUPY to discuss a research collaboration focusing on a herbal product.



# OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Keep in touch with us!



## MUPY Organized a Handover Ceremony of Deanship

On September 16, 2020, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University officially organized a handover ceremony of deanship under the theme 'United Heart, We Grow Together' with the aim of passing on the deanship and the faculty administration from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suvatna Chulavatnatol, a former leader of MUPY's administrators, to Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan who had been appointed as a new MUPY's Dean. His administrative term has been effective for four years starting from September 17, 2020.

This event provided an opportunity for MUPY's personnel to thank the former administrative team and welcome the new team. Moreover, all of the faculty members were able to suggest the way of management to the new team in order to continually develop the Faculty in the future.







## MUPY organized the 18th Advancement in Pharmacology Conference

On September 24 - 25, 2020, MUPY's Department of Pharmacology organized the "18th Advancement in Pharmacology Conference" at Grand Mercure Bangkok Fortune Hotel. Also, the conference was simultaneously conducted via the online platform on Cisco Webex to its 269 participants. The conference's welcoming speech was officially delivered by Assoc. Prof. Preecha Montakantikul, MUPY's Deputy Dean for Education. Several academic lectures on new pharmaceuticals and medicines were provided by the faculty members in the Department of Pharmacology and an invited speaker, namely Dr. Trai Tharnpanich from Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



## The Commencement Rehearsal for MUPY Graduates (Rx46)

On Monday, September 28, 2020, from 07.00 am - 12.00 pm, the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University arranged the commencement rehearsal ceremony for MUPY graduates. The ceremony was presided by MUPY's Dean, Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, who expressed a congratulatory message for the graduates. Having been held in Room T302, the activities included a group photo session for all Rx46 graduates, a graduates' swearing session, and the commencement rehearsal. In the 2019 academic year, there were 137 MUPY's graduates: 117 Pharm. D. graduates, 15 M.Sc. graduates, and 5 Ph.D. graduates.





## Pharmacogenomics for Rational Drug Use in Thailand

On Tuesday, 15th December 2020, the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University (MUPY), in collaboration with the Health Systems Research Institute (HSRI) and Ministry of Public Health's Department of Medical Sciences, Division of Genomic Medicine and Innovation Support (GeMIS) jointly organized the conference entitled 'Pharmacogenomics for Rational Drug Use in Thailand' at the Sukosol Bangkok Hotel.

The conferences' opening session included a welcoming speech which was firstly expressed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chuthamane Suthisang, Mahidol University's Vice President for Policy and Planning, and the background information of the research project was then reported by the HSRI's representatives. After that, the Chairman of Mahidol University Council, Clinical Prof. Emeritus Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn, M.D., was presided over the opening ceremony. Regarding this, MUPY's executives led by Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, the Dean, along with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew, Deputy Dean for International and Public Relations, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Doudgaw Chantasart, Assistant Dean for Research and Innovation, also attended the conference.

The conference's morning session included the talks conducted by Dr. Nopporn Chuenklin, M.D., the HSRI Director, and Dr. Surakmeth Mahasirimongkhon, M.D., GeMIS Director, respectively, followed by the keynote speaker, namely Prof. Dr. Prasit Watanapa, M.D., the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital. There was also a press conference session for all journalists who joined the event. After that, the research project's leader, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pramote Tragulpiankit, together with his project member, Asst. Prof. Supatat Chumnumwat, presented the major findings of their research project. The afternoon activity of the conference was separated into two sessions including 1) the meeting for the research project attended by the principal investigators of five minor projects, researchers, invited experts, and stakeholders, and 2) the practical workshop for pharmacists carried out by Asst. Prof. Supatat Chumnumwat and Dr. Supharat Suvichapanich.

The objectives of the conference included 1) to present the preliminary findings of each project to all involved parties and summarize the research projects in order to determine the utilization and application of the research results, 2) to disseminate the relevant knowledge concerning pharmacogenomics for rational drug use to pharmacists, physicians, and healthcare practitioners who joined the conference, 3) to receive additional advice from the experts and stakeholders in order to further conduct the research, and 4) to publicize the research findings to all mass media.



## GRADUATE PROGRAM (International Program)

### Master of Science in Pharmacy Program

- Clinical Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Phytochemistry
- Pharmacology and Biomolecular Science

### Master of Science Program

- Regulatory Science for Pharmaceutical and Health Products
- Health Technology Assessment
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Phytochemistry
- Biopharmaceutical Sciences
- Social, Economic and Administrative Pharmacy
- Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods
- Phytopharmaceutical Sciences



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### Doctoral Programs

- Clinical Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutics
- Health Technology Assessment
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Phytochemistry
- Biopharmaceutical Sciences
- Social, Economic and Administrative Pharmacy
- Phytopharmaceutical Sciences

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